

# **Do I need a stormwater permit? How do I apply?**



As of March 10, 2003 in order to discharge stormwater from a construction site, all construction projects that disturb 1 acre or more of land must have either:

- an individual stormwater permit, or
- coverage under one of Maine's general permits.

Disturbance includes, but is not limited to soil disturbance, clearing, grading, and excavation. Operators of sites disturbing less than one acre are also required to obtain a permit if their activity is part of a "larger common plan of development or sale" with a planned disturbance of one acre or greater.

To apply for an individual permit or for coverage under a statewide general permit you must file an application with the Department of Environmental Protection prior to commencement of your construction activities.

In addition to these statewide rules, you may be required to meet additional local stormwater and erosion control regulations. Check with your city or county government to determine if additional local rules apply to your construction project.

## **Where can I find permit application forms and instructions?**

- [Notice of Intent \(part 1\)](#)
- [Notice of Intent \(part 2\)](#)
- [Notice of Termination](#)
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## **Where can I find a copy of the General Permit?**

- [General Stormwater Permit for Construction Sites](#)
  - Permit effective date: 03/10/2003; Permit expiration date: 07/01/2004

## **Whom should I contact for more information?**

### **Where can I get more information for Maine?**

- [General Stormwater Information](#)
- [Construction Stormwater Information](#)
- [Industrial Stormwater Information](#)
- [Stormwater, Erosion & Sediment Control homepage](#) for Maine
- [Non-point source pollution control](#)
- [Watershed](#)
- [TMDL Information](#)
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### **Where can I find additional stormwater compliance resources?**

- [Maine Erosion and Sedimentation Control BMPs](#)
- [Updating Maine's Stormwater Management Program](#)
- [Links to Various Maine Stormwater Laws and Rules](#)
- [Maine's Development Law](#)
- [Areas of the state in which the stormwater quality standards described in chapter 500 apply \(MS Word document\)](#)
- [Maine's Stormwater Management Rules \(MS Word document\)](#)
- [Maine's Stormwater Management Law](#)
- [Erosion and Sediment Control Standards](#)
- [General Permit Fact Sheet](#)
- [Overview of Stormwater Regulations, Including Phase II](#)
- [Construction Activities Permit Information](#)
- [Stormwater Management Permit Rule Booklet B \(in two files A & B\)](#)
- [Stormwater Management Permit Rule Booklet A \(in two files A & B\)](#)

- [The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law](#)
- [Soil Erosion](#)
- [A Developer's Guide to the Maine Stormwater Management Law](#)